Doubutsu no Oishasan
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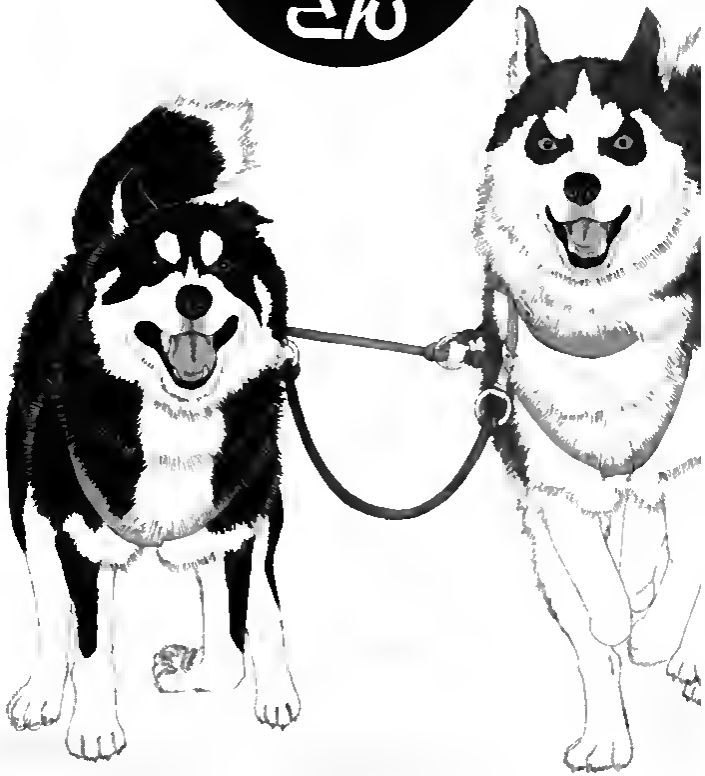
動物のお医者さん



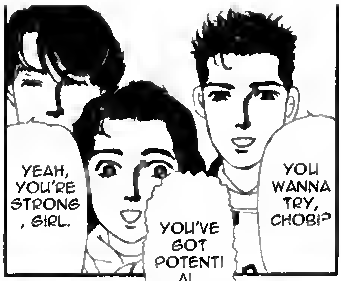
It is early December and the snow has just reared its head.
COME GIVE ME A CHOBI SLEIGH RIDE
IT'S WINTER NOW.

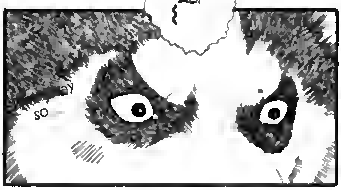
THIS WON'T DO, HISHINUMA -SAN I'LL HAVE CHOBI GIVE YOU A SLEIGH RIDE IN THE WINTER.
YEAH THAT WAS A SLIP OF THE TONGUE
Lets go
Hamuteru was blackmailed, well, made a promise to Hishinuma during the summer.

ARE YOU SURE?
NOT REALLY SHE'S NEVER DONE IT BEFORE
I GAVE HER MY WORD SO HELP ME, CHOBI
5- 4- 3-
2- 1-
GO!!
DA
SH
TAKING IT SERIOUSLY
CHOBI, TURN!
TOO
TOO FAST!!

RN
Stop it Mid-inuma-san
.....
HMM STRONG REAR LEGS
Hey
WHY MUST SHE RUN SO FAST?!
IT WAS HER FIRST TIME SHE DIDN'T KNOW HER OWN STRENGTH

I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD DISCUSS IT WITH THE OWNER TOO
Arf!
SHE'D MAKE A GOOD FIT IF WELL-TRAINED
SO, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE DOG SLED RACE?
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE JANUARY DOG SLED RACE?
BUTCHER-SAN (The Foreigner)
shake
shake
NOW YOU KNOW THERE'LL BE SEVERAL CATEGORIES WE'RE SHORT A DOG ATHLETE FOR THE TEAM CATEGORY
That's why I'm scouting around the pet hospital
Even though most of the dogs here are sick ones?


YEAH, YOU'RE STRONG, GIRL.
YOU'VE GOT POTENTIAL.
YOU WANNA TRY, CHOBI?


SO

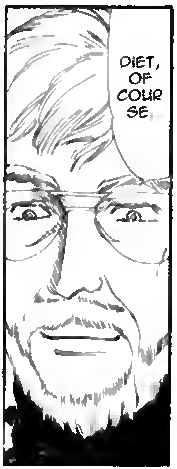
SQUEEZING?
ALRIGHT, THE SQUEEZING WILL BEGIN NOW.

Per Butcher-san, the owners of 2-3 dogs come together and form a team.
The team category
(At least four dogs. No maximum.)

WHA

AND AS YOU'RE THE YOUNGEST OWNER, THAT MAKES YOU THE MUSHER

CHI


DIET, OF COURSE.

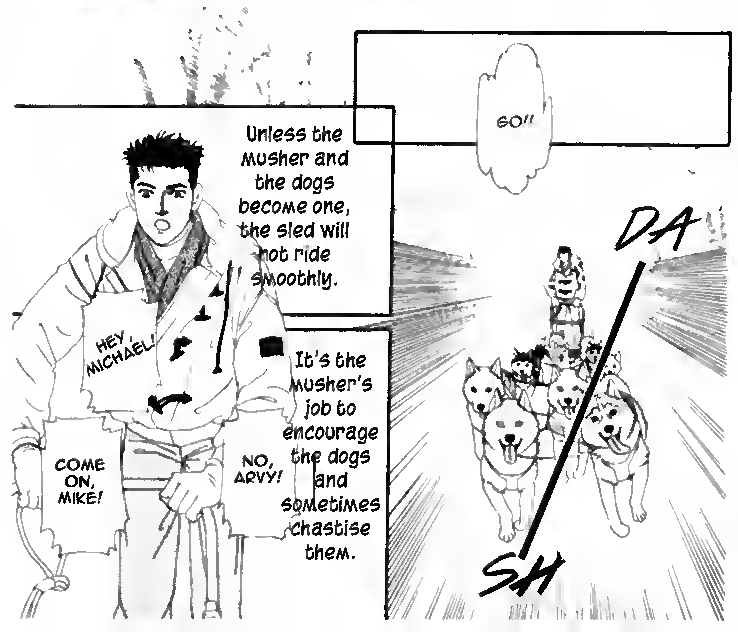
THE SLED DRIVER
WHAT EXACTLY IS A MUSHER?
.....
6 AM
As it turns out, Chobi will be on diet and Hamutaro will be gruesomely trained according to Butcher-san's schedule.
Who the hell are you?
...Who are you?
glare
So many dogs

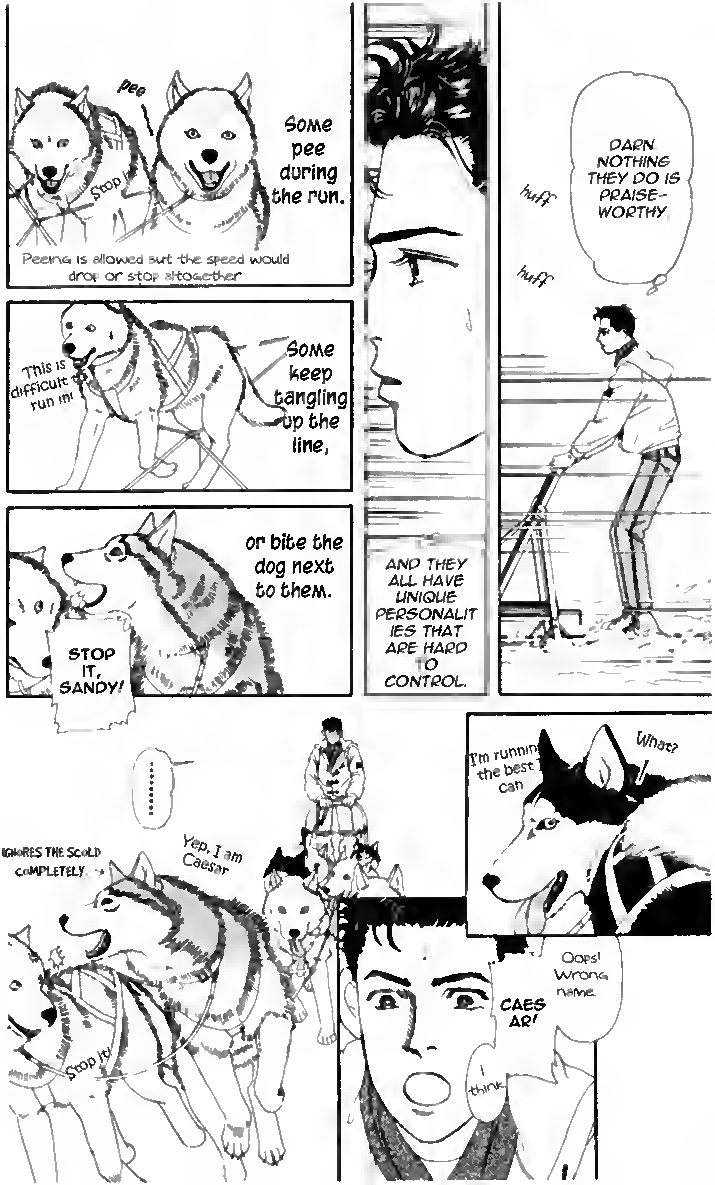
THE HARD JOB IS YOURS THESE DOGS ARE A BUNCH OF CHARACTERS.

IT'S OKAY CHOBI IS SUBMISSIVE AND A FEMALE THERE WON'T BE A BRAWL.
You guys no bullying Chobi! Get back!

Um... well!

Well well. You've got your job cut out for you.
And why didn't you tell me this before! I accepted!?


Unless the Musher and the dogs become one, the sled will not ride smoothly.
HEY, MICHAEL!
COME ON, MIKE!
NO, ARVY!
It's the musher's job to encourage the dogs and sometimes chastise them.
GO!!
DA
SH


pee
Stop!
Some pee during the run.
Peeing is allowed but the speed would drop or stop altogether
This is difficult to run in!
Some keep tangling up the line,
or bite the dog next to them.
STOP IT, SANDY!
AND THEY ALL HAVE UNIQUE PERSONALITIES THAT ARE HARD TO CONTROL.
huff
huff
DARN NOTHING THEY DO IS PRAISE-WORTHY
I'm running the best I can
What?
Oops! Wrong name
CAESAR!
I think
Yep, I am Caesar
IGNORES THE SCOLD COMPLETELY
Stop it!

THIS ONE IS ESPECIALLY NICE.
huff
huff
The dogs are friendly to everyone.
There there
Pet me more
But the question is, do they accept Hamuteru as a musher?
CAN I QUIT?
Musher!
NO
SOMETIMES SWITCHING THE DOGS' ORDER IS NEEDED.
huff
huff
huff
huff
I THINK SHE'S ALMOST AT HER LIMITS NOW. WE'LL SWITCH HER OFF ONCE HER SPEED DROPS.
CHOBI RUNS AS FAST AS THE OTHERS. IT SHOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE THAT SHE'S A LITTLE CHUBBY

She just drops out cold.
THUD!
Not even a little bit.
huff
huff
huff
huff
But Chobi's speed doesn't drop at all.
huff
huff
huff
STOP!
RAGGG
STOP!!
SHE JUST WON'T SLOW DOWN UNTIL THE GAS RUNS OUT.
SHE SHOULD BE FINE
huff
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
huff

MY, ALL THIS PREMIUM FOOD THEY GAVE YOU
TO RUN LONG-DISTANCE, THEY NEED TO BE AS FIT AS A MARATHONER
guggle
FULL NUTRITION
Now she eats once a day no matter if she likes it or not.
Chobi definitely has to go on a diet.
Ni shi ne
Chobi and Hamutaro will eat at Butcher-san's house twice a week after training.
Not yet Not yet
Woof
Woof
THIS ONE ISN'T A SLED DOG.
It is to build bonds between the dogs and the musher as well as patience training.
HOLD!
MAKING THE DOGS WAIT

whi
ne
arf
arf
arf
whi
ne
.....
woof
woof
woof
Hurry up and eat
okay
ISN'T THAT ANIMAL ABUSE?!
30 SECONDS? I ONCE MADE THEM WAIT 30 MINUTES
It's more like patience training for Hamuteru, probably?
nom
nom
nom
OKAY
His confidence to become one with the dogs started to dwindle.
HEY, CAESAR!!
CAESAR!
Pee

They look down on me.
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
CAES AR!
You punk!
FWUP
HE'S PROBABLY LOOKING FOR A SUCCESSOR
Well
You mean I'll have to do this for decades?
THAT'S NOT THE POINT
BUTCHER-SAN IS FAMOUS NOW AND EVEN THOUGH HE'S FROM A DOG-SLEDDING COUNTRY, HE CAN'T KEEP DOING IT DECADE AFTER DECADE
BUTCHER-SAN WON THE RACE LAST YEAR
I SAY HE SHOULD BE THE MUSHER THIS TIME TOO
HAMUTER U, WE'VE GOT A NEW DOG

WHOA, HE LOOKS INTENSE AND SUPER-SIZED TOO

KEEP HIM AWAY FROM THE AGGRES-SIVE ONES OR THERE'LL BE SOME BLOOD-SHED
Who the hell are you?
Grrr

CAE-SAR!!
SPARK
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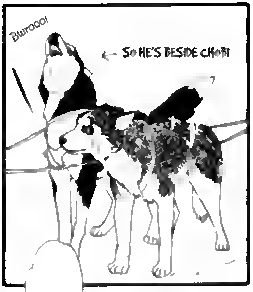
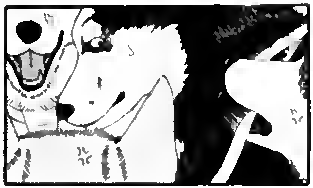
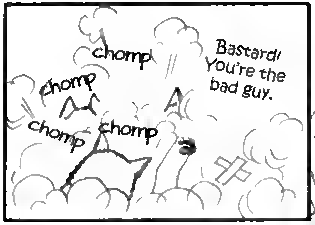

Bwoooo!
← So HE'S BESIDE HIM!!

GO!!
PUSH

CAESAR!!
LOOK HERE! CAESAR!
SKK
NOBODY LISTENS TO ME AT ALL!
AAAH!
I'M NOT CUT OUT TO CONTROL THESE DOGS
CHOMP
NO MORE MUSHING I QUIT!

Ah!
But the moment Hamutaro decided to severe his ties with the dogs,
Chomp!
HOW PATHETIC THE MUSHER BITTEN BY HIS SLED DOG, EVEN THOUGH IT'S A NEW ONE
C-Crap
Eep
I'M NOT QUALIFIED TO BE A MUSHER
NO MATTER WHAT BUTCHER-SAN SAYS, I'LL QUIT THIS TIME





He suddenly became one with them.

I guess I should feel happy not pathetic
REA LLY?
Remember no more biting humans
IT MEANS THEY'VE ACCEPTED YOU AND PROTECTED YOU AS ONE OF THEIR OWN
THE FIGHT WAS BETWEEN TWO DOGS BUT THE REST OF THEM SIMPLY JUMPED IN
I THINK
THIS SHOULD WORK
But there's some kind of bond there for sure.
MAY BE?
Hey Caesar!
The day of the race is drawing near.

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